

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **California's Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 5.6 Percent**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in October, unchanged from 5.6 percent in September, the state Employment Development Department (EDD) reported today.

According to EDD's survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California declined by 15,800 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,270,900.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in October was 17,219,000. This was a decrease of 61,000 from September, but up 110,000 from the employment total in October of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,022,000 – a decrease of 7,000 over the month, but up by 166,000 compared with October of last year. A year ago, in October 2006, California's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent.

Of the unemployed, 396,700 were laid off, 92,800 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 335,930 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the October survey week. This compares with 345,187 last month and 302,233 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 48,157 in October 2007, compared with 39,993 in September and 37,918 in October of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,270,900 in October, a net loss of 15,800 jobs since the September survey. This followed a gain of 12,100 jobs (as revised) in September.

Two of the categories (**professional and business services** and **educational and health services**) added jobs over the month, gaining 3,400 jobs. Professional and business services showed the largest gain, up by 2,700 jobs. Nine categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) reported job declines this month, down 19,200 jobs. Information posted the largest decline over the month, down by 6,300 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (October 2006 to October 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 109,000 jobs (up 0.7 percent).

Seven industry divisions (**trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 165,300 jobs. Educational and health services showed the strongest employment growth on both a numerical and percentage of growth basis, adding 50,700 jobs (a 3.1 percent increase).

Four categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; and financial activities**) posted job declines over the year, down 56,300 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 31,000 jobs (a decline of 3.3 percent).

## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (**NOT** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **government** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 54,200 jobs. The gains were centered in local and state government education, which were up by 45,600 and 12,400 jobs, respectively. **Leisure and hospitality** recorded the largest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 17,900 jobs. The losses were recorded in the accommodation and food service sector, down 12,800 jobs, and the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector, down 5,100 jobs.

**Educational and health services** reported the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain over the year, up 51,000 jobs. The gains were primarily in health care and social assistance, which was up by 41,000 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 31,200 jobs. The losses were mainly in specialty trade contractors, down 16,600 jobs, and construction of buildings, down 10,500 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	October 2007 (prelim.)	September 2007 (revised)	October 2006	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,270.9	15,286.7	15,161.9	0.7
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	25.2	25.4	25.7	-1.9
Construction . . . . .	907.1	911.3	938.1	-3.3
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,494.2	1,495.7	1,506.1	-0.8
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,898.9	2,901.0	2,886.6	0.4
Information . . . . .	472.0	478.3	469.9	0.4
Financial activities . . . . .	927.3	928.8	940.2	-1.4
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,271.7	2,269.0	2,248.3	1.0
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,683.5	1,682.8	1,632.8	3.1
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,562.9	1,564.7	1,536.3	1.7
Other services . . . . .	517.3	518.6	511.6	1.1
Government* . . . . .	2,510.8	2,511.1	2,466.3	1.8
Agriculture . . . . .	392.2	375.9	389.5	0.7

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

	October 2007	September 2007	August 2007	October 2006
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,241,000	18,309,000	18,214,000	17,965,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,219,000	17,280,000	17,218,000	17,109,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,022,000	1,029,000	996,000	856,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . .	5.6	5.6	5.5	4.8
US seasonally adjusted rate % .	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.4

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	October 2007	September 2007	August 2007	October 2006
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,269,000	18,297,000	18,331,000	18,009,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,287,000	17,310,000	17,337,000	17,220,000
Unemployment . . . . .	982,000	987,000	994,000	789,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.4

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**OCTOBER 2007; 2006 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,268,300</b>	<b>17,286,600</b>	<b>981,700</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
ALAMEDA	756,400	719,200	37,200	4.9%
ALPINE	450	410	40	9.7%
AMADOR	17,950	16,900	1,050	5.8%
BUTTE	104,300	98,000	6,300	6.1%
CALAVERAS	21,610	20,260	1,350	6.3%
COLUSA	9,630	8,740	890	9.2%
CONTRA COSTA	526,400	500,800	25,600	4.9%
DEL NORTE	11,140	10,300	840	7.5%
EL DORADO	94,800	90,000	4,800	5.1%
FRESNO	422,300	386,900	35,400	8.4%
GLENN	12,140	11,260	880	7.3%
HUMBOLDT	61,800	58,500	3,300	5.4%
IMPERIAL	70,200	56,000	14,200	20.3%
INYO	9,090	8,640	450	5.0%
KERN	350,400	323,700	26,700	7.6%
KINGS	57,100	52,400	4,700	8.3%
LAKE	27,530	25,510	2,020	7.4%
LASSEN	13,610	12,720	890	6.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,984,400	4,736,300	248,100	5.0%
MADERA	65,300	60,900	4,400	6.8%
MARIN	135,000	129,900	5,100	3.8%
MARIPOSA	9,220	8,720	500	5.5%
MENDOCINO	44,880	42,640	2,240	5.0%
MERCED	101,900	93,200	8,700	8.5%
MODOC	4,190	3,910	280	6.6%
MONO	7,750	7,350	400	5.2%
MONTEREY	204,700	193,400	11,300	5.5%
NAPA	75,200	72,200	3,000	4.0%
NEVADA	50,680	48,210	2,470	4.9%
ORANGE	1,633,900	1,566,000	67,900	4.2%
PLACER	171,900	163,200	8,700	5.1%
PLUMAS	10,700	10,020	680	6.4%
RIVERSIDE	922,600	862,900	59,700	6.5%
SACRAMENTO	694,400	655,600	38,800	5.6%
SAN BENITO	25,100	23,600	1,500	6.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	915,000	863,200	51,800	5.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,538,200	1,463,900	74,300	4.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	429,800	411,100	18,700	4.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	290,600	267,000	23,600	8.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	135,600	129,700	5,900	4.4%
SAN MATEO	375,700	361,100	14,600	3.9%
SANTA BARBARA	212,600	203,100	9,500	4.4%
SANTA CLARA	851,200	809,600	41,600	4.9%
SANTA CRUZ	148,100	141,000	7,100	4.8%
SHASTA	87,000	80,900	6,100	7.0%
SIERRA	1,690	1,590	100	6.1%
SISKIYOU	19,300	17,940	1,360	7.1%
SOLANO	218,000	206,400	11,600	5.3%
SONOMA	265,500	253,900	11,600	4.4%
STANISLAUS	231,000	211,400	19,600	8.5%
SUTTER	41,000	37,400	3,600	8.7%
TEHAMA	25,860	24,150	1,710	6.6%
TRINITY	5,190	4,730	460	8.9%
TULARE	191,800	175,300	16,500	8.6%
TUOLUMNE	26,290	24,680	1,610	6.1%
VENTURA	427,600	405,500	22,100	5.2%
YOLO	96,000	90,600	5,400	5.6%
YUBA	26,600	24,200	2,400	8.9%